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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN DEFENSE REVIEW COMMISSION PROPOSES US VISIT

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SUMMARY: NORWAY'S PRESTIGIOUS AND INFLUENTIAL DEFENSE REVIEW COMMISSION WISHES TO VISIT US IN JUNE TO CONSULT ON WIDE RANGE OF SECURITY ISSUES. THIS GIVES US UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE IMPACT ON COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT AND LONG-TERM EFFECT ON NORWAY'S FUTURE DEFENSE POLICY. IN PARTICULAR IT WILL GIVE US CHANCE TO PROVIDE COMMISSION WITH THE KEY INGREDIENT IT NEEDS TO RECOMMEND CONTINUED NORWEGIAN SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANCE, AND THAT IS THE ASSURANCE THAT THE US GUARANTEE TO COME TO NORWAY'S AID IN TIME OF CONFLICT IS UNQUALIFIED. I PUT HIGHEST PRIORITY ON THIS VISIT AND ITS SUCCESS FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF US POLICY OBJECTIVES IN NORWAY, AND I URGE WE GIVE FULLEST COOPERATION TO COMMISSION IN ARRANGING AND CONDUCTING IT. END SUMMARY

1. DEFENSE REVIEW COMMISSION SECRETARY ERIK HIMLE

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CALLED ON ME JAN 16 TO REQUEST OUR ASSISTANCE IN AR-

RANGING FOR COMMISSION TO VISIT TO US FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS BETWEEN JUNE 15-30 TO REVIEW WIDE RANGE OF KEY SECURITY ISSUES. VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE COMMISSION MAKES ITS FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENT LATE THIS YEAR ON NORWAY'S LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM. COMMISSION WOULD LIKE ALSO SPEND FOUR DAYS IN CANADA ON SAME TRIP AND WILL ARRANGE THIS THROUGH CANADIAN AUTHORITIES AFTER US PLANS ARE FIXED.

2. I URGE VERY STRONGLY THAT WE ASSIST COMMISSION ON THIS IMPORTANT VISIT. COMMISSION IS DISTINCT FROM STORTING'S DEFENSE COMMITTEE WHICH MADE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO US LAST SUMMER (75 OSLO 0487). COMMISSION'S ROLE IS TO MAKE EVALUATION OF FULL RANGE OF POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND ALTERNATIVES FACING NORWAY'S SECURITY POLICY AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTRY'S DEFENSE PROGRAM UP TO 1985 AND LONG TERM POLICY PROGRAM TO 1990. ESTABLISHED BY ROYAL DECREE IN 1974, IT IS MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES, THE DEFENSE COMMUNITY AND PRIVATE SECTOR.

3. AS I POINTED OUT IN OUR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT (OSLO 1303), COMMISSION'S FINDINGS AND PROPOSALS WILL BE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO NORWAY'S FUTURE DEFENSE POLICY. THE US TRIP WILL PROVIDE ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF THE COMMISSION'S STUDY. KEY NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT FOR COMMISSION TO COME OUT WITH SATISFACTORY REPORT, IT WILL HAVE TO RETURN FROM US VISIT FIRMLY CONVINCED OF US GUARANTEE TO COME TO NORWAY'S DEFENSE SHOULD NEED ARISE. I SHARE THIS VIEW AND CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO THIS PROPOSED VISIT FOR US AND ALLIANCE INTERESTS.

4. ONE IMMEDIATE ADMINISTRATIVE DETAIL IS THE NEED FOR THE COMMISSION TO RECEIVE AN INVITATION FROM US FOR THE VISIT. HIMLE THINKS PROCEDURALLY IT WOULD BE BEST IF US INVITE THE GROUP, WHICH WILL PAY ALL ITS OWN EXPENSES. I RECOMMEND THAT INVITATION COME FROM HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, IF POSSIBLE FROM THE SECRETARY.

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5. IN ITS WORK PROGRAM COMMISSION IS NOW CONCLUDING BROAD INVESTIGATORY PHASE OF ITS WORK, HAVING REVIEWED INTERNATIONAL SECURITY POLICY DEVELOPMENTS FOR COMING 10 YEARS, CONSIDERED MILITARY'S ROLE IN COUNTRY'S SECURITY POLICY AND ALTERNATIVE ORGANIZATIONS FOR MILITARY FORCES AS WELL AS BROAD RANGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC FACTORS AND CONFLICT SITUATIONS.

6. ON US VISIT COMMISSION WISHES TO REVIEW SECURITY IN BROAD TERMS WITH DEFENSE, STATE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS. NORWEGIANS WANT TO CONCENTRATE ON STUDY OF LONG TERM SECURITY TRENDS; THEY DO NOT WANT A TOUR OF DEFENSE UNITS OR FACILITIES, EXCEPT AS NOTED IN PARA 9 BELOW. IN WASHINGTON THEY WANT IN GENERAL TO LEARN OUR VIEWS ON FUTURE OF US-SOVIET AND SOVIET-CHINESE RELATIONS, EAST-WEST RELATIONS (ESPECIALLY EVALUATION OF FUTURE OF DETENTE), PROJECTED DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE, FUTURE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENTS, SALT AND MBFR.

7. THEY WANT TO DISCUSS, VERY SPECIFICALLY, NORWAY'S FUTURE POSITION IN NATO AND THE US RELATIONSHIP TO NORWAY'S DEFENSE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER WHAT ACTIONS COULD AND WOULD BE TAKEN IF THERE IS A LIMITED CONFLICT IN NORTH, AND PARTICULAR IN EAST FINNMARK, OR AN ATTACK ON TRONDHEIM OR A BROAD ASSAULT ON NORWAY. UNDER THESE DIFFERENT SITUATIONS THEY WOULD LIKE TO LEARN WHAT DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUPPORT NORWAY COULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS CHARACTERISTICS OF DEFENSE SITUATION AS IT RELATES TO SVALBARD, PARTICULARLY THE CONTINENTAL SHELF THERE, AND THE MEASURES THAT WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE SECURITY GOALS THERE. ON THIS ISSUE, I HOPE THEY WILL HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE RESULTS OF OUR SVALBARD NSSM.

8. IN PARTIAL PREPARATION FOR THESE ALTERNATIVE CONFLICT SITUATIONS THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY ENGAGED IN SERIES OF SIMULATED WAR GAMES WHERE IT PLAYED GOVERNMENT'S ROLE. WHILE PARTICIPANTS FOUND GAMING HELPFUL THEY
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FOUND THE EXERCISE TOO LIMITED AS THEY WERE ONLY ABLE TO OPERATE FROM NARROW NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE WITHOUT BENEFIT OF FULL ALLIANCE VIEW.

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9. IF POSSIBLE, THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OCCASION MEET WITH SECRETARY RUMSFELD AND DEPUTY SECRETARY ELLSWORTH, CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF BROWN AND OTHER LEADING POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS. THEY ALSO WANT TO VISIT SACLANT AT NORFOLK, MAKE STOP AT A PRIVATE DEFENSE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, SUCH AS RAND, AND VISIT THE UNIT EARMARKED FOR PROVIDING SUPPORT TO NORTHERN EUROPE IN CASE OF CONFLICT. HIMLE EXPRESSED INTEREST ALSO IN LEARNING IN A APPROPRIATE WAY ABOUT DEFENSE STUDIES FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IS LEADING AT JOHNS HOPKINS.

10. ALTHOUGH COMMISSION HAS NOT REQUESTED IT, I WOULD HOPE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR US DISCREETLY TO PROVIDE GROUP WITH OUR VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE OF SOUTHERN FLANK TO NATO AND ESPECIALLY AN APPRECIATION OF IMPORTANCE OF SPAIN TO ALLIANCE DEFENSE AND BY EXTENSION TO NORWEGIAN SECURITY. COMMISSION, I BELIEVE, HAS NEGLECTED THIS ASPECT OF NORWAY'S SECURITY IN PART, I SUSPECT, BECAUSE IT STILL RAISES SOME UNCOMFORTABLE POLITICAL RESPONSES HERE.

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11. IN THE END, THE COMMISSION SHOULD RETURN FROM ITS US VISIT WITH FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD RANGE OF INTERRELATED SECURITY ISSUES AFFECTING ALLIANCE AND NORWAY AND MOST OF ALL WITH A FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE US GUARANTEE IS STEADFAST.

12. ALL MEMBERS OF COMMISSION AND ITS SECRETARIAT
HAVE CLEARANCE UP TO NATO SECRET. BETWEEN 15-17 MEMBERS AND
STAFF WILL
TAKE PART IN VISIT. WE WILL SEND NAMES
OF PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE
AND KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF FURTHER DETAILS OF
NORWEGIANS WISHES. IN MEANTIME, I WOULD APPRECIATE
IF CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO EXTENDING INVITATION
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT NORWEGIANS CAN PROCEED
WITH PLANS AND TO DESIGNATING COORDINATOR IN WASHINGTON
FOR ARRANGEMENTS.
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